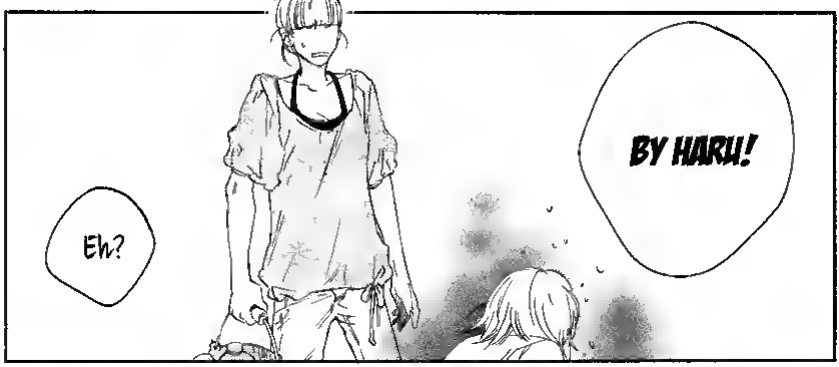
July's Crossroad
_Haru Natsu series 06_

IF YOU DON'T WANT TO RISK FAILING THE EXAM NEXT YEAR.
JUST GIVE IT UP.
FOR TODAY~ ♪
FIRST IS FLOOR SWEEPING.
BUT YEAH DE-PENDS ON THE MOOD TOO.
CLEANING UP IN THE MORN-ING. ♬
STORE ROOM
For painting tools

SPLASH WATER, ♪
rattle
AND NO...
SHO
gloo
m
GYA!!
OKED

looming
WHAT ARE YOU DOING OVER THERE?
NA .. NATSU?
turn around
ba-dump
EH?
I...

I am hated...
By...


BY HARU!
Eh?

...I SEE.

nod
HE JUST SUDDENLY TOLD YOU SO?
WOR-RIED...?
BUT HEY,
MAYBE HE SAID SO BECAUSE HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
HARU HAS HAD 3 YEARS OF EXPERI-ENCE AND HE MUST HAVE SEEN SOME CASES,
SO...
LIKE, EVEN THOUGH IT'S NOT ALWAYS BECAUSE OF LOVE AND STUFF BUT SOMETIMES PEOPLE FAILED THEIR EXAM BE-CAUSE THEY GOT DIS-TRACTED...

PERHAPS HE DOESN'T WANT YOU TO GET DISTRACTED AND END UP LIKE THAT.
SO DEPRESSED AND ALL.
Please refer to "One March day, I found a bear"
YOU WERE LIKE THAT JUST A FEW MONTHS AGO.
IT'S NOT LIKE I AM EVER UNABLE TO PAINT.
I AM OKAY.
THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS I WILL BECOME UNABLE TO DRAW.
THAT'S THAT BUT...
I COULD STILL DO MY ASSIGNMENTS FROM CLASS.
THAT, THAT TIME WAS JUST HENGEN ..

BUT HARU DOESN'T BE-LIEVE SO.
HEY,
I MAY SEEM TO BE KIND OF NOSY BUT...

WHY DON'T YOU MAKE A MOVE INSTEAD OF JUST DOING NOTHING?
YOU HAVEN'T DIRECTLY TOLD HIM ABOUT YOUR FEELINGS RIGHT? WHY?
AND HE MUST HAVE REALIZED THAT HIMSELF BUT...
EVERYONE WAS TALKING ABOUT YOU LIKING HARU.
THEN YOU TELL HIM THAT TOO!
I DON'T WANT HARU TO HATE ME.
BE-CAUSE...

IF YOU DO NOTHING, NOTHING WILL CHANGE.

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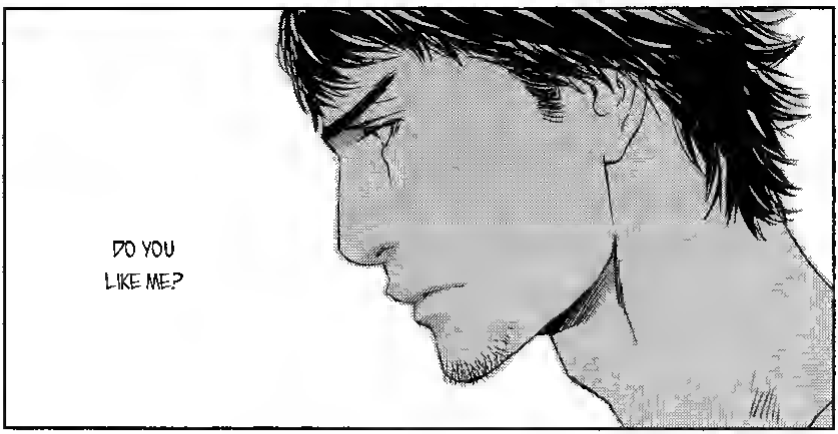
REALLY...
THESE TWO DUMBASSES.
That's so like you Minori.
Right on..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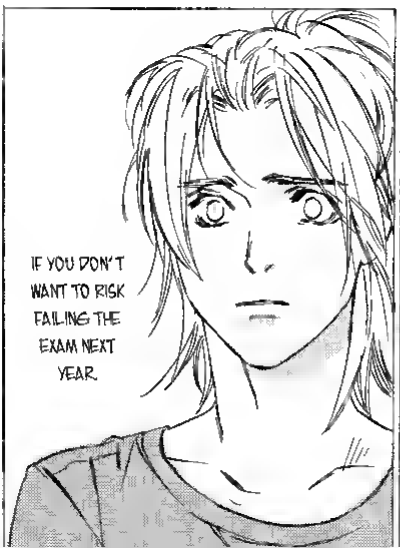
LIKE ME?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EXAM NEXT
YEAR.

JUST GIVE
IT UP.

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RU.
HA-

I have to draw a borderline somewhere no matter what.
I don't want you to fail the exam because of me.
Actually, I have no time for that.
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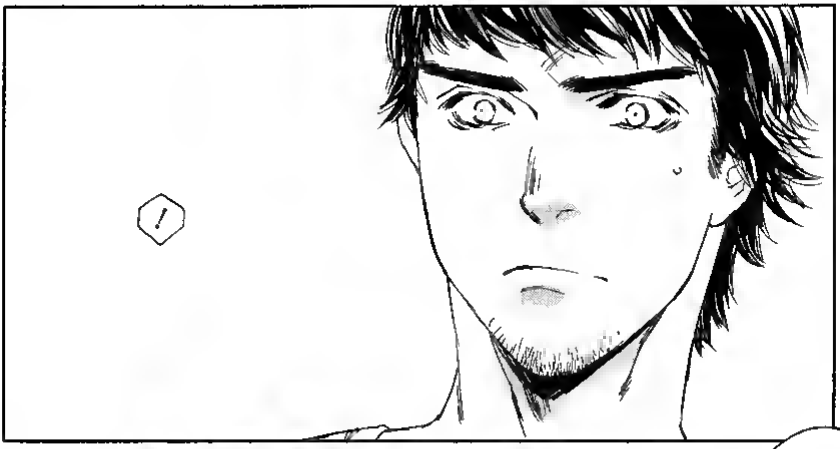
YO, HARU.
ARE YOU DONE YET?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GO DRINK WITH ME.
YOU CAN DRINK, CAN'T YOU?
HUH?

I'VE SEEN YOUR DRAWING LAST TIME.

EH?
THE ONE YOU DREW A HUMAN FIGURE, UNFINISHED BUT QUITE PERFECT.

WHY DIDN'T YOU FINISH IT?
...I DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME.

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IF YOU WANT TO JUMP TO THE NEXT LEVEL IT'LL HAVE TO BE AFTER THE 4TH YEAR.
EVEN IF YOU DECIDE TO LIE JUST DON'T TAKE THE EXCUSE THAT YOU DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH TIME.
THIRD...
LIAR.
WHAT YEAR ARE YOU NOW?
.....
OR DO-NOT-DRAW?
NOT-ABLE-TO-DRAW,

EH?
WHICH ONE?
IF YOU CAN'T DRAW, USE THE TRIAL-AND-ERROR METHOD.
EVEN IF IT MEANS RUINING YOUR OWN PAINTING, EVEN IF YOU HAVE TO DO IT AGAIN AND AGAIN.
JUST KEEP DRAWING.

BUT IF YOU DO NOT DRAW,
WHEN YOU CAN DRAW.
THEN THE TIME WILL COME,
THERE'S NO CHANCE.
THEN JUST GIVE UP.

click
pssssh

knock

HARU.

WHAT YOU HAVE CHANGED DURING THIS 3RD EXAM,
IS THAT YOU HAVE PREPARED YOURSELF MENTALLY TO DEAL WITH SIMILAR SITUATIONS, RIGHT?

NO MATTER IF YOU'RE FORCED, NO MATTER HOW CLUMSY YOU ARE.
YOU'LL HAVE TO FACE UP TO IT.
DRAW.
UNTIL IT'S FINISHED.

## Still-life drawing (2 days)

※ Time for evaluation: combined with the upcoming oil painting session.

Motif: potted plant, wooden box, firewood.

DRAW
UNTIL IT'S FINISHED
FACE IT
I know that.
AND BY THE WAY..

cough
NOT EXACTLY BY THE WAY BUT...

YOU HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE THING WITH HARU TOO.

EH?
SOMETHING LIKE "JUST GIVE IT UP" DOESN'T SOLVE ANYTHING, YOU KNOW

BEFORE YOU DECIDE TO DO SOMETHING ACCORDING TO YOUR OWN WILL,
YOU'D BETTER AT LEAST LISTEN TO NATSU'S EXPLANATION, RIGHT?
AN EXPLANATION?
YOU'RE SPECIAL TO NATSU.
DON'T MAKE THAT REPULSIVE FACE.
THAT'S THE REASON WHY.

AREN'T YOU CURIOUS TO KNOW TOO?
scribble
scribble
The reason why?
An explanation?
crunch
During the day he just said that only sentence with a tomato-red face
During the night he just stands there staring without saying anything

Besides I didn't even understand what that was about.
"I'VE BEEN SAVED BY HARU FOR THE SECOND TIME."
What will happen if I know?
An explanation? What's that?
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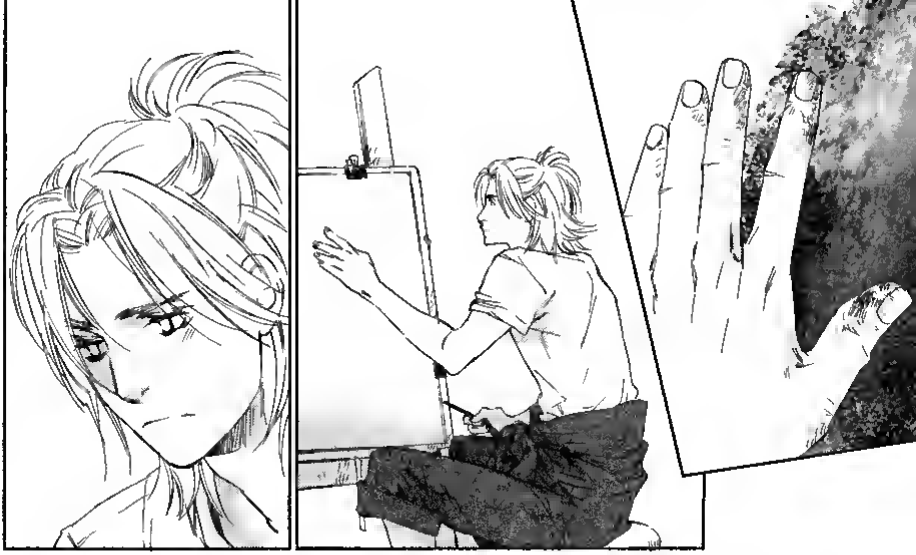
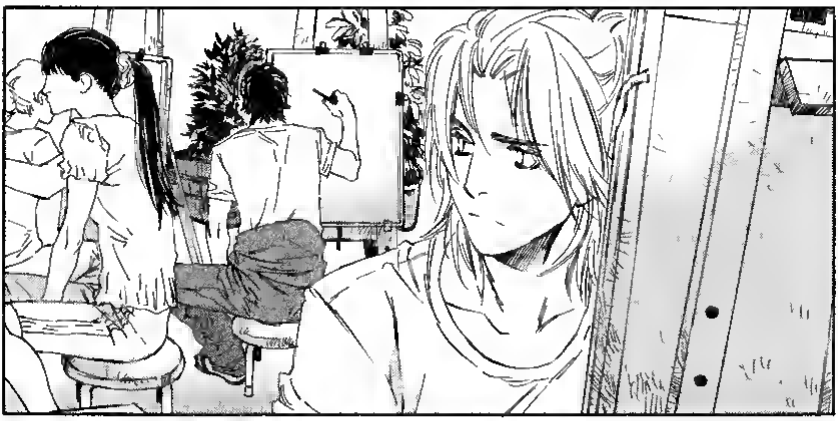
scribble
crunch
crunch
AREN'T YOU CURIOUS TO KNOW TOO?





Haru...

IF YOU DO NOTHING, NOTHING WILL CHANGE
DID YOU SAY SOMETHING, NATSU?
NOTHING
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scribble
scribble
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